

Addendum No. 1

Issue Date: 01/27/26

Project Name: City of Asheville Service Line Predictive Modeling Inventory

Project Number: 298-FY26-WTR-BID-LSLI-PMI-#1

TO: Prospective Applicants

This addendum forms a part of the **Request for Informal Construction Bid** and modifies the original Project Number **298-FY26-WTR-BID-LSLI-PMI-#1** only to the extent specifically noted below. Failure to acknowledge this addendum in the submittal may subject the submitter to being deemed non-responsive.

This Addendum is posted on the City procurement website at www.ashevollenc.gov/bids. This is *the official source* of this addendum. All addenda and attachments shall be published to the same location.

This Addendum consists of 4 pages in total.

This Addendum is to address Clarifications/Changes and Responses to Questions

Clarifications/Changes

1. The original Bid on page 32 under the Project Oversight stated “ The contractor will inspect and inventory 517 service laterals “.

Clarification: The project is for 400 sites 800 holes dug total. The 517 was an error.

2. The bid form Section 7.1 “Base Bid” This amount should represent total cost inclusive of all the line items included in 7.2 ? Or is base bid only representative of excavation , backfill , compaction , raking and seeding?

Clarification: The Base Bid in 7.1 should represent the total cost inclusive of all the line items included in 7.2.

3. Under the Measurement and Payment section, Concrete cut and repair \ Asphalt pavement cut, and repair “Testing” is referenced on both surfaces . Is this compaction testing only or will testing of the concrete and or asphalt be required? Is the contractor responsible for the testing cost and coordination or is the City of Asheville performing the required test ?

Clarification: The testing mentioned in the Measurement and Payment section is not required. Inspections by the City and NCDOT will suffice for the project.

Answers to Questions

1. Question: Do concrete and asphalt cuts have to be on the same day?

Response:

City Streets

Per City ordinance, permanent repairs are required within **10 days** of the temporary patch. However, scheduling flexibility may be considered provided the area is properly coned off, safe for the public, and does not impede traffic flow. Open excavations should not be left exposed when inclement weather is forecasted, as this can compromise subgrade stability and lead to future pavement failures.

Contractors must notify the City of Asheville Public Works Department when they have completed repairing/restoring the disturbed area and request an inspection. Failure to complete the work included in this permit and calling for inspection within 10 working days WILL result in a fine of \$100 per day for each day beyond the initial 10-day period.

Any locations meeting established criteria will be subject to roadway overlays as part of final restoration requirements. All patches will carry a **two-year warranty** from the date of completion, making proper backfill placement and compaction critical.

NCDOT Roads

Any asphalt or concrete cuts will need to be patched, completed the same day.

2. Question: Are the inspections done by the Street Department?

Response: City streets will require inspections from a City inspector to check. The request can be sent in an email. NCDOT requests that the vendor sends a list of which sites that will be working at and completed site list each week so that the inspector can visit at their convenience. More clarifications for inspections and schedules can be worked out during the project kickoff meeting with both NCDOT and City Inspectors.

3. Question: Does the COA take care of the cut permits?

Response: There is no charge for permits for either City Streets or NCDOT roads as this project is considered general maintenance of the water department.

City Streets

The awarded bidder will be required to obtain the required permits for City Streets and they would be charged if they allow the permit to expire before the work is completed.

NCDOT Roads

No permits are required, but inspections must be completed. See question 2 for clarification on inspection scheduling requirements.

There is no charge for inspections on either City streets or NCDOT roads.

4. Question: What is the average depth of the service lines?

Response: By the meters the average depth is 2-3 feet (24-36 inches).

5. Question: Does the City's easement cover asphalt or concrete on the customer side of the meter?

Response: If there is concrete or asphalt on the customer-owned portion of the service line, the list of alternate sites can be reviewed to determine if there is a more convenient/less expensive option. If there is not a more convenient option the City will check to see if there is an easement. If there is, the contractor would still be required to replace. If there is not, the City will work with the customer to get permission. The contractor would pave/replace.

6. Question: Does the City have an estimate of the number of sites that will require concrete or asphalt removal?

Response: Yes the estimate was provided in the Bid form. For asphalt it is 340 and concrete it is 260.

7. Question: Will the City send letters/notifications to the alternate site owners at the start of the project as well?

Response: Yes. The City plans to send letters to all customers who could potentially be affected by the inventory investigations.

8. Question: How accessible is that alternate list of possible addresses?

Response: The City is unable to share the list as it is very extensive, but are willing to work with anyone who has questions about any specific locations and provide them with the specific alternatives before the close of the bid.

9. Question: Should there be any sort of problem on the supply side of the meter, what's the protocol for shutting the water down to do a repair?

Response:

All repairs must be performed by a licensed utility contractor or unlimited licensed building contractor.

1. Immediately notify City of Asheville Quality Control staff that it will be one site with the crew. Should the QA/QC manager not be on site, notify the Project Manager.
2. Replacement of the entire line is required. Internal City Department policy requires entire replacement.
3. Documentation of entire replacements or issues is required in the survey that the city will provide to the awarded bidder.

10. Question: Will the lead testing be required by the contractor or will the city be doing the testing?

Response: EPA protocol requires that a lead swab test be performed if the material cannot

be confirmed by the scratch and magnet checks. Lead test swabs are easily obtained online and the city is happy to help the awarded contractor obtain them.

11. Question: Is the area of work for these locations along the sides of roadways? And are there any within easements, with heavy brush?

Response: Yes, the meters are along the sides of the road in the right of way (ROW). There is a low potential for heavy brush near the areas. If the brush is a cause of concern a request can be put in with the project manager to see if another alternative is available.

12. Question: Will the city provide a hydrant meter for water access and a dump site for solids collected during hydro excavation?

Response: The awarded bidder can apply for a hydrant meter online by going to the City's Water Department website and selecting the "Water Plan Review and Inspections" option in the green banner on top of the web page. The hydrant meter application is the first link on that page. The terms and conditions of renting can be found in the application. Dump sites must be contracted by the bidder.

13. Question: Will the contractor be provided with the list of alternate sites at the start of the project as well?

Response: Yes.

14. Question: If the contractor determines one of the City's 400 selected sites cannot be used, what is the process to change to one of the alternate sites? Is approval from the City required?

Response: Approval is required. The process of changing to one of the alternate sites would be to notify the project manager that the primary site is not viable. The contractor would then notify the project manager the alternate location they chose from the list of alternate sites.

15. Question: Section 7.2-line items are in addition to base bid? Please clarify.

Response: No. Section 7.2 is the breakdown of costs for the entire Bid and is the same as the base bid. Please see the clarification section above for reference.

I understand that failure to acknowledge any addenda may cause this bid/proposal to be deemed non-responsive.

Authorized Signature

Company

Date

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